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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance**

**SUBJECT: Requirements for Satellite Photography for Search and for Technical Intelligence for FY 1965**

1. In connection with budget decisions which the NRO must face for FY 1965, the Director of Central Intelligence has requested COMOR to prepare and submit to the Board for its consideration a statement of the community's requirements for that period. These requirements can be stated in various ways but it is believed that it would be most useful if the requirements were related to numbers of missions in the context of our experience with the [redacted] taking into account, of course, the fact that we are still gaining experience with [redacted] has many R&D problems still to be settled.

2. The Chairman has prepared the attached paper for consideration of the COMOR. In the preparation of the paper he found paragraph 3 of COMOR-D-48/45 appropriate and useful. It is included as paragraph 1 of the attached. The tabs referred to in the attached draft are those which have been mentioned and are included in COMOR-D-48/45 which went to the Board but was never considered by them.

**James Q. Reber**  
Chairman

**Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance**

**Attachment: Subject draft**

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COMOR-D-48/49

Requirements for Satellite Photography for  
Search and for Technical Intelligence for FY 1963

1. The attached Tabs A, B, and C summarize the success we have had since June 1961 (a period of 2 1/4 years) in obtaining coverage of the critical targets on the following major target categories:

our major concern. If our launches are pointed toward coverage of these installations, we will almost certainly satisfy a very great number of our secondary target concerns and we are quite likely, through the manner in which the photographic capability is programmed, to achieve acquisition of the greater portion of the Soviet land mass. (At Tab D is a tabulation of successful missions flown since August 1960 showing the unique area coverage  ((expressed in percent of total)) as obtained by each mission.) Our long-range launch schedule should be based on the premise that we need quarterly coverage, at a minimum, of at least 50% of the targets in each category (which are the subject of the 3 tabs) and coverage of the whole of the Sov Bloc once a year.

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2. Results thus far obtained in the field of technical intelligence from photography suggest certain successes and certain shortcomings; whether the latter can be corrected remains a matter of further R&D and operational efforts. We are on less firm ground in estimating what our requirements will be as translated into missions.

3. The following projection of requirements into missions based upon our experience may be useful to the D/NRO in devising his budget for 1965;

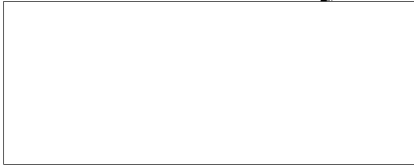
a. We believe that our requirements could be satisfied by one successful [ ] mission per month. If the storage Zombie time of the [ ] can be extended sufficiently, then this would equate to about one [ ] every 60 days.

c. The recommendations stated above do not apply to R&D flights nor do they consider the additional requirement required for failures or adjustments to maintain the periodicity of coverage [ ]

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37 Ch/COMOR Wkg Grp  
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